

SHERLOCK BONES

This is
Sherdog.

I'm
Takeru
Wajima.

just an
ordinary
dog I picked
up from the
shelter...

I'm a second
year at
London
Academy High
School.

of the legendary
super sleuth,
Sherlock
Holmes(?).

...or so I
thought.
But he's
actually the
reincarnation

And...

When
Sherdog
puts it in his
mouth, he
can speak
human...to
me, at least.

If you want
proof, there's
the pipe
that used to
belong to
Holmes.



The
woman
teacher...

One day,
unbeknownst
to me,

killed him?!!

he
witnessed
a terrible
crime.

It...it
can't
be...

Takuru's homeroom and
PE teacher
Karen Kikuchi

Case 1 ♣ The 12:20 Witness, Part 2



...is still fresh.

The blood...



But this was no suicide.

The malice I felt... That wasn't the bearing of a woman who had come across a student's suicide.

It was Takeru's homeroom teacher, Karen Kikuchi. Of that I have no doubt.



A single stab to the heart.

A knife in his right hand...



I know the power is on.

I can't see the screen.



...And it was during my secret investigation of the phone that I ended up sending pictures of his mistress to his wife.



At which point I was sent to the pound...



Oho? He has one of those "mobile phones."

My previous owner had one as well.

A device that not only serves as a phone, but can also send text messages and photographs.



Looking closely, I can see there's some sort of a film over the screen to maintain privacy.

I see. So the angle is key... It's set up so one can only view the display from directly in front of it.



There...



Why would he take a picture of the clock tower?



Goodbye.

There's a message above the picture.



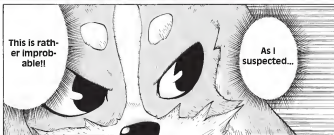
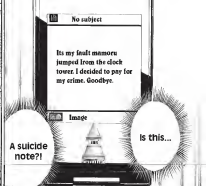
Was it taken... from here?

Was...

Was...



This photograph...





And he was
already dead
at the time!



This text
message was
sent by the
murderer, to
create an alibi!

To take a
picture and
send it to
multiple
recipients...

...stab
himself
with a
knife...

...and expire
all in one
minute?
Hardly likely.

Teacher,
Karen
Kikuchi!!!

But
you were
unfortu-
nate.



Why? Because
the scene of
your crime has
been expertly
observed...

...by none other
than the world-
famous detective,
**Sherlock
Holmes!!**

Why
me?!

What's with
this dumb
dog? Get
lost! You're in
the way!



Don't ruin
the crime
scene! Leave
everything to
me, the
world-famous
detective.

Stop! Keep
your wife
about you,
gentlemen!

Sensei!
Sensei-
eeiii!

Aaaahhh!
He's dead!!





For real?

They say
it was a
suicide.



That first-
year that
killed
himself...



He sent
a suicide
text
to, like,
everyone.



What?/
Ushimaru?/
No way!

They don't
look to
dead!



Wow, I
guess it
really was
bothering
him... You
know.

No, it's true!
He really sent
a text to all
his contacts!



...Huh...

Takeno...

This
is so
scary.



...I didn't
get a
text...



Did you get the suicide text from Ushimaru?

What? No...



...at our school...

Another suicide...



Shendog!

...Errk, what are you doing?



I think Watson in Class C got one.

She's in his class.

So you didn't get one either. ...I wonder why that is.

Do you know anybody who did get it?

Could you ask her to forward it to me?

ZZZZZ



This was a murder.

Watson! Come with me!

And I know who did it!!



I mean
until
the bell
rang.

I mean, he
died during
fourth period.
She was with
us at the pool
the whole
time.



Kikochi-
sensei...?

K...



N...no. She
couldn't
have.

Yes.



What are you
muttering
to yourself,
Takeru?



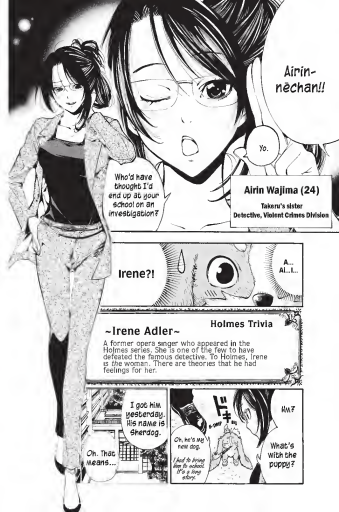
I was there!
You can't
expect me
to believe
this!

What?!



With your
own dog
eyes!!

But I saw
her with
my own
eyes!!



Airin-
nēchan!!

Yo.

Who'd have
thought I'd
end up at your
school on an
investigation?

Airin Wajima (24)

Takeru's sister
Detective, Violent Crimes Division



Irene?!

A...
A.L.L.

-Irene Adler-

Holmes Trivia

A former opera singer who appeared in the Holmes series. She is one of the few to have defeated the famous detective. To Holmes, Irene is the woman. There are theories that he had feelings for her.



Oh. That
means...

I got him
yesterday.
His name is
Shendog.



Oh, he's my
new dog.

*I had to bring
him to school.
It's a long
story.*

Ha?

What's
with the
puppy?





He was the kind of guy who did his work, and tried not to make any waves.

Sometimes, when it was just the two of us at club, he'd let something slip. That's how I found out.



What...? So... you're saying...

Yeah. His name was Mamoru Ayase...

The first boy who killed himself was on the school newspaper with you?



Why didn't the school or his parents do something?

He didn't want anyone to know. He had his reasons.



That's awful... Who would do such a thing?

And make him eat bugs and izanori.



He'd punch him in the stomach so no one would see the bruises.

Apparently Ushikuru would call him out every day to torture him.

Or send embarrassing pictures of him to all his friends.



Had his reasons...?

...



I...was in
Ushimaru's
class last
year. I know
what he was
like.

He wasn't the
type to ever
Feel guilty
enough to kill
himself.



...

Don't tell
me you
think...?

Yeah.





I appreciate
all you do for
my brother,
Kikochi-
sensei!

I'm Wajima. I'm
a detective
in the violent
crimes division.



Pleased
to meet
you



...what...?



...Then...



I...I see.

So I was
asking my
brother
for details
about the
case.



...Yes.
Um...

Um...

This
officer...
is your
sister,
Wajima-
kun?

Hey,
Takeru!
Why didn't
you tell
me?!

I knew the
student in
this case
was a bully.
His victim
was your
son?

Sh?!

That Mamoru
Agase was my
son...

I suppose
he's already
told you.

That's why
our last
names are
different,
and why none
of the other
students
knew.

I divorced
my husband
before I
started
teaching at
this school.

But yes,
Mamoru
Agase was
my son.

You...
didn't tell
her.

Wajima-
kun...

SCRATCH
SCRATCH

I am a
teacher,
after all.

But that
doesn't mean
that I'm happy
about what
happened to
Ushimaru-kun.





But I
saw
her!

She is
the mur-
derer!!

She must
have used
some sort
of a trick to
create her
alibi!



And if
what you
say is
true...

We have
no proof!



Then Karen
Kikuchi was
teaching you
how to swim..

At the end
of fourth
period,
when the
murder was
committed,

If all the
students can
attest to that,
then she has a
perfect alibi.



Precisely!

T...
trick...?



**And Force
Karen
Kikuchi to
confess!!**

**We shall
have to
expose
her trick,
Watson!**



ニヤリ...

But...
how?



Are you
serious?

Are...



Nothing
ventured,
nothing gained.

You know
what
they say,
Watson.



Reception Room

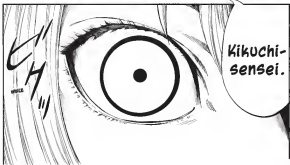


Oh, no
need to
thank Me.

Thank you
for your
cooperation,
Kikuchi-
sensei.

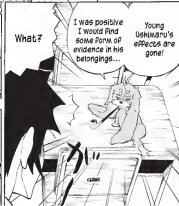
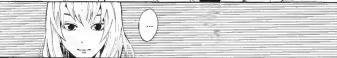


Well, if
you'll
excuse
Me.



Kikuchi-
sensei.







It's not that... H... No...



What's going on, Wajima-kun? Are you playing a little detective game?

Trying to be like your big sister?



You shouldn't talk like that, Wajima-kun.



It's just that I was in his class last year.

And I just can't believe that Ushimaru... would kill himself.



S...sorry.













Ushimaru
was
185cm*
tall.

*about 5'7"

The
prob-
lem...

Don't you think
the angle is
a little low
coming from
someone his
size?

is the
windowsill

here
at the
bottom
of the
picture!





Have you ever heard of a privacy filter?

It makes it so you can only see the phone display from directly in front of it.



No.



you still don't see the lower window sill.

I'm only 5.7"ow", and if I take the same picture.

*About 5.7"



...Red one, too.

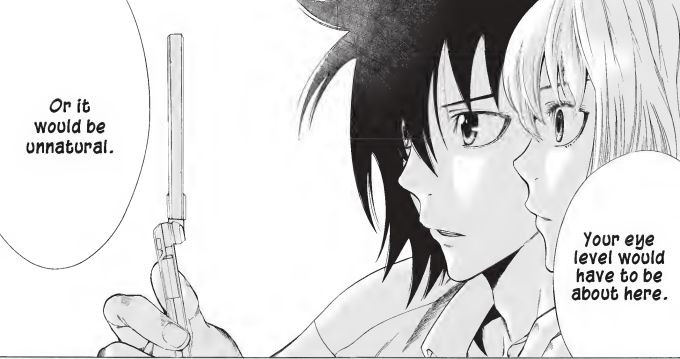
Ushi-Maru's phone...



And have it look exactly like that...



So to take that picture



Or it
would be
unnatural.

Your eye
level would
have to be
about here.



Kikuchi-
sensei.



Don't you
agree?



I don't
know.

I...

Wajima-
kun.





There's no
doubt about
it! Sherdog
was right...

Kikuchi-sensei
killed Jōya
Ushimaru!!

Watson...



I see. You
believed in
her to the
last...



So...

...it's
true...?

Kikuchi-
sensei...

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